AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u>:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to a computer resource, the method comprising:

receiving from a requesting entity a request for access to the computer resource;

determining that the requesting entity has a proxy permission, wherein the proxy permission has at least one associated proxy rule <u>and the proxy permission has been granted by a proxy grantor, further comprising finding, in dependence upon a requesting entity identification, a proxy permission record in a proxy permission table</u>; and

granting access to the computer resource in dependence upon the proxy rule.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the proxy rule comprises at least one condition required for granting access to the computer resource.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the condition has a plurality of possible states.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein determining that the requesting entity has a proxy permission further comprises finding, in dependence upon a requesting entity identification, an access control entry in an access control list for the computer resource.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~5 further comprising reading a proxy permission indicator from a data structure representing the resource.

7. (Original) The method of claim ~~1~~5 further comprising reading a proxy permission indicator from an access control list for the resource.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the proxy rule comprises one or more conditions required for granting access to the computer resource and granting access to the computer resource based on the proxy rule further comprises:

    determining whether the conditions of the proxy rule are met; and

    permitting access to the computer resource if the conditions of the proxy rule are met.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein each condition has a plurality of possible states and granting access to the computer resource based on the proxy rule further comprises evaluating the states of the conditions.

10-27. (Canceled)